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### 125th session

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### Annotations

#### 1. Opening of the session

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or the representative of the High Commissioner will open the 125th session of the Committee.

#### 2. Solemn declaration by newly elected members of the Committee, in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant

In accordance with article 38 of the Covenant and rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the members of the Committee elected at the thirty-sixth meeting of States parties to the Covenant on 14 June 2018 will make the following solemn declaration:



“I solemnly undertake to discharge my duties as a member of the Human Rights Committee impartially and conscientiously”.

**3. Election of the Chair and other officers of the Committee**

In accordance with article 39, paragraph 1 of the Covenant and rule 16 of the rules of procedure, the Committee will elect from among its members a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur. Pursuant to rule 18 of the rules of procedure, the officers of the Committee will be elected for a term of two years. Pursuant to rule 60 of the rules of procedure, elections will be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in the case of an election to fill a place for which there is only one candidate.

**4. Adoption of the agenda**

Under rule 8 of the Committee’s rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. Under this item, the Committee will adopt the agenda for the session.

In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the present provisional agenda has been prepared by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

**5. Organizational and other matters, including the adoption of the report of the working group on individual communications**

The 125th session of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 4 to 29 March 2019. The first meeting will be convened at Palais Wilson, in the ground floor conference room, on Monday, 4 March, at 10 a.m.

Pursuant to rule 35 of the Committee’s rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise or it is apparent from the relevant provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights or its Optional Protocols that the meetings should be held in private.

Under the present item, the Committee will consider miscellaneous issues relevant to the Committee’s business.

**6. Meeting with representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations**

At each session, the Committee hears representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations based in Geneva. Accordingly, the following meetings have been scheduled: with United Nations organizations and specialized agencies, on 4 March, from 10.45 to 11.15 a.m., and on 11 March, from noon to 12.15; and with national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, on 4 March, from 11.15 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Angola, Estonia, the Niger and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and on 11 March, from 12.15 to 1 p.m., on Eritrea and Viet Nam.

**7. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant**

The reports to be considered during the 125th session are those of Angola, Eritrea, Estonia, the Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Viet Nam. A tentative schedule for the consideration of reports during the 125th session, prepared in consultation with the Committee, is given below.

**Schedule for consideration of reports under article 40 of the Covenant**

<i>State</i>	<i>Report</i>	<i>Date</i>
Estonia	Fourth periodic report (CCPR/C/EST/4)	Monday, 4 March, afternoon Tuesday, 5 March, morning
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	In the absence of the second report	Tuesday, 5 March, afternoon Wednesday, 6 March, morning
Niger	Second periodic report (CCPR/C/NER/2)	Wednesday, 6 March, afternoon Thursday, 7 March, morning
Angola	Second periodic report (CCPR/C/AGO/2)	Thursday, 7 March, afternoon Friday, 8 March, morning
Viet Nam	Third periodic report (CCPR/C/VNM/3)	Monday, 11 March, afternoon Tuesday, 12 March, morning
Eritrea	In the absence of the initial report	Tuesday, 12 March, afternoon Wednesday, 13 March, morning

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Accordingly, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its 125th session.

Country report task forces will examine and adopt lists of issues on the reports of Cabo Verde, the Central African Republic and Senegal, lists of issues prior to reporting for Finland, Lesotho and the United States of America, and lists of issues in the absence of a report for Dominica.

**8. Follow-up to concluding observations on State party reports**

The Special Rapporteur and the Deputy Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations will provide a progress report on their activities.

**9. Follow-up to Views under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant**

The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views will provide a progress report on his activities.

**10. Consideration of communications under the first Optional Protocol to the Covenant**

Mindful of the provisions under rule 107 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the working group on individual communications will meet prior to the 125th session, from 28 February to 1 March 2019.

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider communications that have been or appear to have been submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

A total of 792 communications were pending before the Committee as at 18 December 2018.

In accordance with article 5 (3) of the Optional Protocol and rule 81 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the present agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

**11. Adoption of the annual report to the General Assembly**